IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 through 9, 13 and 14 have been amended herein. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A piling device, including:
a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;
a mechanism for gripping a pile;
a mechanism for driving the pile into the ground;
the gripping mechanism and the pile driving mechanism being pivotally connected to and supported by the support frame;
the pivotal connection of the gripping and pile driving mechanisms to the support frame enabling a pile gripped by the gripping mechanism to be aligned in the desired orientation relative to the support frame prior to being driven into the ground.

2. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the pivotal connection enables angular adjustment of a pile gripped by the gripping mechanism relative to the support frame.

3. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein a pivotal adjustment actuator is provided, the pivotal adjustment actuator including at least one hydraulically actuated cylinder connected between the support frame, and the pile driving and/or gripping mechanisms.

4. (Currently Amended) A piling device, including:

a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;

a mechanism for gripping a pile;

a mechanism for driving the pile into the ground;

the gripping mechanism and the pile driving mechanism being connected to and supported by the support frame; wherein

the support frame includes at least one opening provided in ~~the~~ a side thereof to facilitate removal of the device from around a pile partially extending from the ground.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 4, wherein the opening is sized to allow a pile partially extending from the ground to pass there through in the event that the support frame has to be moved during the piling operation.

6. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 4, wherein the device includes two openings located on opposite sides of the support frame.

7. (Currently Amended) A piling device, including:

a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;

a mechanism for gripping a pile;

a mechanism for driving the pile into the ground;

the gripping mechanism and the pile driving mechanism being connected to and supported by the support frame; wherein

the gripping mechanism is hydraulically operated;

the gripping force applied by the gripping mechanism to the pile is adjustable; and

a control panel is provided for operating the gripping mechanism, including selection of a desired gripping force.

8. (Currently Amended) A piling device, including:

a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;

a mechanism for driving a pile into the ground;

~~the~~ an upper end of the pile driving mechanism is connected to the upper end of the support frame and extends downwardly relative to the support frame;

a mechanism for gripping a pile; wherein

the gripping mechanism is connected to and extends downwardly from the lower end of the pile driving mechanism; and

the pile driving mechanism includes a driving frame and hydraulic cylinders extendable downwardly relative to the driving frame, wherein the lower end of the hydraulic cylinders are connected to the gripping mechanism.

9. (Currently Amended) A piling device, including:

a support frame having a lower end mounted on a footing;

a mechanism for gripping a pile;

a mechanism for driving the pile into the ground;

the gripping mechanism and the pile driving mechanism being connected to and supported by the support frame;

the footing including ground mounted footings and respective frame mounted footings;

the frame mounted footings being movably mounted on the respective ground mounted footings; and

vertically orientated hydraulic cylinders connected to and extending between each pair of frame and ground mounted footings to facilitate movement of the device in the vertical direction relative to the ground and ground mounted footings.

10. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein the frame mounted footings are movably mounted on the respective ground mounted footings by the inclusion of roller bearing assemblies between the frame mounted footings and ground mounted footings.

11. (Original) A device according to claim 10, wherein the bearings are connected to the frame mounted footings and/or ground mounted footings.

12. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein horizontally orientated hydraulic cylinders are connected to and extend between each pair of frame and ground mounted footings, to facilitate movement of the device in a horizontal direction relative to the ground and ground mounted footings.

13. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 9, including counterweights mounted on the support frame to prevent the frame from moving during the piling operation.

14. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 13, wherein the device can be moved with the counterweights mounted on the support frame.